



## Charles David Henson

February 12, 1937 - May 14, 2016

Charles D. Henson, 79 of Huntington, W.Va. passed away on Saturday, May 14, 2016 in St. Mary's Medical Center. He was the founder of Henson & Kitchen Mortuary, which was originally established and began serving families as Henson Mortuary in October 1972. He was born February 12, 1937 in Huntington, W.Va. the son of the late Otis and Florence Drummond Henson. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife, Loretta Sue Cottrell Henson in 2002. He was a graduate of Huntington East High School, Marshall University and the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. He became a licensed funeral director and embalmer on April 18, 1962. He was a licensed funeral director and embalmer for 54 years serving the Huntington, Barboursville and Milton areas where he served thousands of families over his career. He was an avid Marshall University Football, Basketball and a Cincinnati Reds Baseball fan. He was a member of The West Virginia Funeral Directors Association and the National Funeral Directors Association as well as a member of Lewis Memorial Baptist Church and previously Barboursville Baptist Church. He was one of the original donors making the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House in Huntington, W.Va. possible by providing a room dedicated in honor of his late wife, Loretta Henson. He was a member of Minerva Lodge #13 AF & AM Masonic Lodge in Barboursville, W.Va; was a member of the Barboursville Lions Club and supported financially many community events including golf tournaments, youth sports and was also a U.S. Army Veteran. He is survived by one

daughter, Amy Henson Smith (Greg) of Goshen, KY. and one son, David Henson (Andrea) of Huntington, W.Va; one sister, Dorothy Jean Henson Strader of Huntington, W.Va; a dear friend, Rebecca "Becky" Holton of Barboursville, W.Va. as well as his colleagues and work family at Henson & Kitchen Mortuary. Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at Lewis Memorial Baptist Church with Dr. David Lemming officiating. He will be reunited with his wife, Loretta and Entombment will follow in Ridgelawn Memorial Park, Huntington, W.Va. The family will receive friends from 2-4 and 6-9 PM on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at Henson & Kitchen Mortuary, Huntington, W.Va. near Barboursville. The family request that memorial donations be made in Charlie's honor to Hospice of Huntington. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family by visiting [www.hensonandkitchen.com](http://www.hensonandkitchen.com) .

# Tribute Wall



“ *Henson & Kitchen Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles David Henson*



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**Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services** - October 14, 2016 at 10:08 AM



“ *Charles David Henson*

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October 23, 2023 at 01:49 AM



“ *Sonny Henson was a close friend of mine in Huntington. I lived quite close to him. What a fine person. I miss him and always will.*  
*Joe Budd Stevens,*  
*Berkeley, CA*

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**Joe Budd Stevens** - July 17, 2022 at 12:43 PM



“ *Fred Kitchen lit a candle in memory of Charles David Henson*



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**Fred Kitchen** - June 25, 2016 at 10:08 AM

JW

“ I was surprised to learn of Mr. Henson's passing. My aunt's services were the day prior. Everyone with Henson & Kitchen was so nice. I didn't know Mr. Henson but remember seeing him that day. Meeting some of his family earlier I know he must have been a wonderful person. I wish his family well.

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**Jackie of Huntington, WV** - May 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Dear Henson Family: I know that you don't know me but I wanted you to know how very sorry I am about the passing of Mr. Henson. He was always so kind to me and always gave me a donation every year for the Alzheimer's Walk. He never hesitated when I called him and asked him if he would be willing to give me a donation for my team. He told me that what I was doing was very important and that we needed more research to find a cure for Alzheimer's. And every year, my dad and I would go to the Funeral Home and he would give us pens and calendars for our church (Roach Baptist Church in Salt Rock). He was such a gentle and giving man. He will certainly be missed. Please know that your family are in my prayers.

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**Connie Keyser of Salt Rock** - May 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ Charles Henson was the nicest gentleman! Prayers for the family now. I WILL be in attendance at the funeral today, as I had to miss the visitation last evening ! My heart is saddened by his loss.

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**Barbara Lynn Spurlock of Ceredo West Virginia** - May 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Sonny Henson was a friend for many years and we worked together at Chapman's during the early years. Later we loved to get Stewarts hot dogs, root beer & Snyder's potato chips and sit with David Cottrill talking and laughing into the night when Bette & I would visit Huntington. One who touched so many lives and will be missed by many too! RIP

John & Bette Carpenter of Martinsburg, WV - May 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ My condolences to the Family of Mr. Charles Henson. He will truly be missed and was such a true blessing to all!!!! He always came to see me at Books-A-Million and I was always happy to help him with anything he needed!!! My thoughts & prayers are with his family. May God Bless All of his Family!!!

Joseph S. Cameron III of HUNTINGTON, WV - May 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Amy I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad was an awesome man.

Kelly Nichols of Huntington WV - May 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ My condolences to the family on the loss of a truly wonderful man. I worked for Charlie back in 1983 and I had great respect for him and the rest of the crew. God Bless all of you and my prayers are with you.

David A. Maynard of Clarksville, Tn - May 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Amy, I m so very sorry to hear of the passing of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you, your family and friends as you lay this well-loved man to rest. Peace and comfort be with you during this difficult time. (((Hugs)))

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**Maggie Lewis of Louisville, KY** - May 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Amy, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. You and your family are in my prayers.

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**Donna Oakes of Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC** - May 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Amy, Love and prayers for you and your family!

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**Alice Harris of Louisville, Kentucky** - May 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ Our hearts are deeply saddened by the passing of our friend, Charlie. He was soft spoken, with a gentle spirit of thoughtfulness. Charlie possessed a special way of causing you to laugh and at the same time making you to feel relaxed to just sit and talk awhile. Yes Charlie was a gentleman in ever way and will be majorly missed.

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**Rev Frederick E and Marcia Kitchen of Huntington, Wedt Virvginia** - May 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ I am truly sad to hear about Sonny. What a good friend and wonderful man he was. I am so glad that I got to spend some time with him at our last class reunion. I am sure that he is in a better place. My prayers are with his family.

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**Donald Shelton of Leesburg,FI.** - May 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SY

“ I am deeply saddened by the news of Sonny's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. I visited with him in August and am so glad that I gave him a big hug when I saw him. This is being written with a heavy heart and tears in my eyes.

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**Sherlee Neff Doughman of Setauket, New York** - May 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I was so very sorry to hear of Sonny's passing. He was WONDERFUL to help me with Buddy's services in December. He went above the call of duty. We both considered him a wonderful friend. Please accept my sincere sympathy. Jane Graham

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**Jane (Mrs. Buddy) Graham of Parkersburg, WV** - May 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ TO THE FAMILY OF CHARLES DAVID HENSON. THIS IS VERY SAD AND SHOCKING NEWS TO THOSE OF US WHO KNEW HIM AS "SONNY", WENT TO SCHOOL WITH HIM AND ENJOYED SEEING HIM AT THE HEHS 1955 REUNIONS. I LIVED CLOSE TO HIM FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN HIGHLAWN AND JUST THOUGHT THE WORLD OF HIM. HE WAS A GOOD FRIEND AND A GOOD PERSON WHO WILL BE MISSED BY ALL KNEW HIM. MY DEEP AND SINCERE SYMPATHY. SHIRLEY SAUNDERS LA FON

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**Shirley Saunders LaFon (Howard) of Palm Bay, FL** - May 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ *Huntington East High School Class of 1955*

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**Kenneth Roger Charlton of Belton, Texas** - May 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ *Charlie will always be remembered for his compassionate care shown to his clients and their families during our time of grief and sorrow. He was the pillar for my parents when in 1963, they first met Charlie and for us when he took care of our grandparents and our Father and Mother. Please know you and yours are in our prayers during this time.*

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**Paula Sawyers Dennison and Family of Chesapeake Ohio** - May 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM